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Pranksters find cyber-citement

by Ryan Hegge
Staff Writer

E-mail "spoofing" may lead to fun and games, but it can also lead to chaos, anger and frustration.

Senior Matt Miller, student supervisor of hardware, techline and Whitehouse Business Center, said "spoofing" is sending e-mail to someone with someone else's e-mail address attached to the letter. Miller said it is mainly used as a practical joke to embarrass someone.

"Spoofing could be pretty dangerous if people are not expecting it and don't like what was sent with their address attached to it," Miller said.

Miller said he was spoofed one time.

According to Miller, somebody sent an e-mail message to another person with his e-mail address as the place of origin. Miller said the letter was pretty much a proposition to another man from him. He got a response from the person supposedly propositioned.

"After a while I took it as a joke and chuckled about it," Miller said. "It just surprised me at first, and I was wondering what was going on."

Netscape is one way that is used by people to spoof one another. An address that is off campus would not be easy to detect.

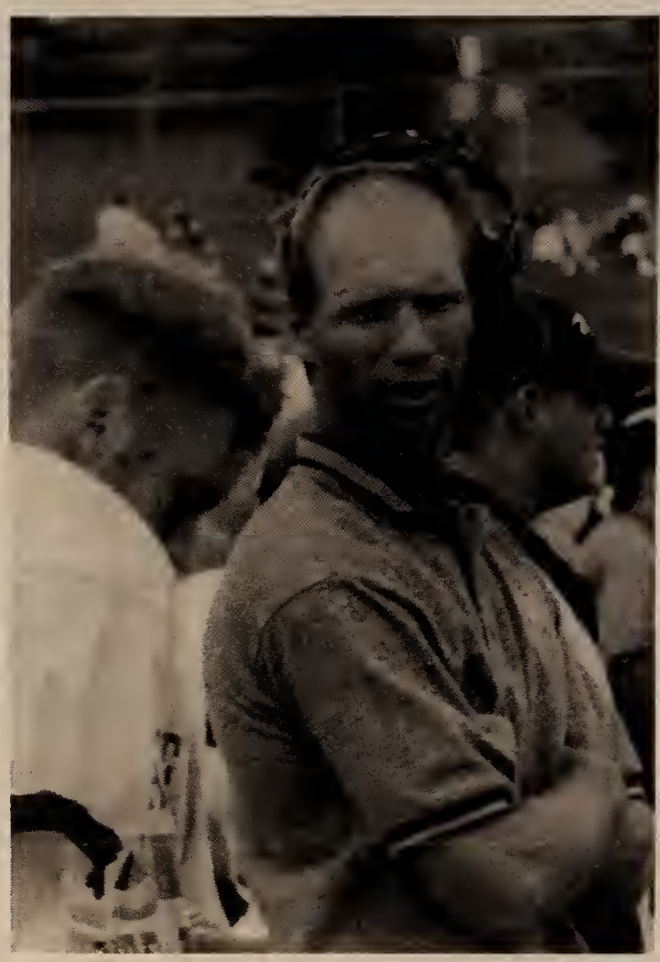
The only way that you could detect if you have been spoofed by an already off-campus address would be to confront the person about the e-mail, Miller said.

This e-mail spoofing is easy to do from the Netscape program, provided the user knows what to do, but it is almost impossible to do this from the internet system at Wartburg.

According to Michael Scherb, student supervisor at computer services, it is hard for another student to get into your e-mail account at Wartburg. Scherb said it is impossible to get past the password system.

Scherb said the only way someone can get on your account is if you let them know your password or leave the computer you're working on while logged in.

Football coach quits



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LEAVING WARTBURG—Football coach Steve Hagen, shown here at the Central game, announced Friday that he will not be returning to coach Wartburg's football team next year. Wartburg will have had three coaches in three years, making player recruitment more of a challenge. The Knights amassed seven wins overall this year and lost three. Hagen said he's headed for San Jose St. University.

Head Football Coach Steve Hagen leaves Wartburg after one year and a 7-3 season.

by Liz Erickson, Eric Allen, and Scott Harves
Managing Editor, Editor, and Staff Writer

Head Football Coach Steve Hagen took the Wartburg community by surprise last Friday, announcing his intentions to take a coaching position at San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif.

Hagen announced his resignation at a meeting of the football team. The announcement has been confirmed by Athletic Director Gary Grace.

However, according to San Jose State Athletic Director Tom Brennen, Hagen has not been hired by the univeristy. Attempts to reach San Jose State's new football coach, David Baldwin, were unsuccessful.

Brennen said it was up to Baldwin choose who would be on his staff.

Hagen's departure creates an opening for the head coaching position for the second time in three years.

Coaching leadership consistency is a concern for some current Wartburg football players.

"We were starting to get to know him," said sophomore running back Trevor Shannon, "so it's difficult to see him go."

Hagen's 1996 Wartburg team was 5-3 in the Iowa Conference and 7-3 overall.

Hagen came to Wartburg from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas last year, where he was the quarterback coach.

Turn to page seven for more coverage and a column by Sports Editor Brian Van De Berg about Hagen's off-the-field involvement.

Computer labs hit crunch

by Suzanne Behnke
Staff Writer

Senior Steve Schneider typed five pages of a term paper. He left the Journalism Computer Lab to attend a meeting. He closed the paper before he left.

He returned and attempted to re-open the paper. The computer told him he had a "disk error."

Just as students are inundated with work before Fall Term ends, the campus' five computer labs remain crowded as end-of-the-year papers and projects loom on class syllabi.

According to computer center secretary Bonnie Graser, the computer center sees a lot more work at this time including such things as disk problems, printer problems, paper jams and other things.

To alleviate some of the overwork, computer consultants are working longer hours.

Junior Emily Bock works in the computer center and once was a Whitehouse Computer Lab computer consultant.

She said she saw increased use during the term's end.

"You can definitely tell business goes up," she said. Bock said during the week before final exams, all the WBC computers were full, and at times there were waiting lists.

She said many disk problems have been reported this year.

"Everybody's typing papers right now. Disks have died fairly quickly. The life of a disk is not forever," Bock said.

Students can minimize the chances of disk failure by not using them for years and by backing up the information on another disk. Keeping disks in protected cases or other locations can also help.

Schneider said he doesn't have many computer problems, and luckily computer services was able to help him recover his term paper.

"The only thing I lost were the numbers on my footnotes," he said.

Schneider said he saved the paper on other disks and hard drives after the incident.

Mid-term and the year's beginning are other busy computer center times.

Photo by Rob Bryson

COMPUTER LAB JAM: PLEASE WAIT... Students labor over end-of-term homework in the Whitehouse Business Center computer lab. The last week of the term is always a busy time for computers in the labs.

Web pages now available to students

by Rob Bryson
Staff Writer

All I want for Christmas is my own Web page.

Wartburg students can now have a home on the information highway.

As of Friday, Dec. 13, Computer Services now allows students to have space on the server to create and place personal home pages, according to Tom Hausmann, computer services manager.

Director of Computer Services and Institutional Research Marvin Ott said the majority of collegiate institutions provide students with the capability to create their own homepages.

Personal homepages will allow students opportunities to use the resources of the World Wide Web for job searches or creative purposes.

Anyone interested in creating a personal web page will have to sign a form affirming their compliance with the college's WWW policy.

For more information, visit: http://www.wartburg.edu/inside/compserv/buid.html on the World Wide Web or see the *Trumpet* Online: http://www.wartburg.edu/trumpet.

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Goodbye to Matthias

by Victor Thu
Staff Writer

He's saying goodbye, but he's not leaving.

Dr. Ron Matthias will retire this month after serving 12 years as vice-president for administration and finance at Wartburg, but said he plans to stay active in activities on campus.

"I will still be involved in other occasional tasks for the college," said Matthias. He said he will serve as director of the Artist Series and will chair a committee to plan Wartburg's sesquicentennial in 2002.

Matthias said he's grateful he had the opportunity to spend so many years at Wartburg. He said he has enjoyed his years at Wartburg and the community has given him a continuous sense of joy.

"No one is more highly regarded and respected among us than Ron Matthias," said college President Robert Vogel. "We are grateful for his dedicated, faithful, forthright, wise and humble service."

Matthias said the main reason he likes Wartburg is because he "believes in what it is and what it does."

Matthias remembered the 1970s as his toughest time at Wartburg. It was a time when the Vietnam War was winding down and there were protests, fights and poor human relations.

"The pain of war was reflected in the Wartburg community," said Matthias, who said it was a difficult time to be an administrator and handle those problems.

Other than a vice-president at Wartburg, Matthias was also a student, history professor, and dean of faculty.

He said Wartburg is committed to education in the context of Christian faith, and he encourages Wartburg students to become good and faithful stewards.

In addition, he asks students to use their opportunities and gifts wisely at Wartburg.

In one of his last official functions at Wartburg, Matthias spoke at yesterday's baccalaureate and commencement service.

Matthias advised graduates to not complicate the simple and accept and enjoy the simple things around them as they are.

Campus Pastor Larry Trachte remembered one of his experiences with Matthias. It was the second week of Trachte's sophomore year at Wartburg. Trachte said Matthias found out he wasn't enrolled in any history classes.

Trachte said he had a visit with Matthias about being a history major. He received encouragement from Matthias about taking more history classes.

"I found myself enrolled in a history class the next day after I talked to him," said Trachte.

Besides being a professor, coon hunting was one of Matthias' activities during his early years at Wartburg. Although he would go out at night in October with his uncle to hunt raccoons, he said he never did kill any.

"I didn't like hunting and the only reason I went was because I enjoyed the walk and looking at the beautiful fall-time scenery," said Matthias.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

MATTHIAS MOVES ON—Vice President for Administration and Finance Ron Matthias sits at his desk, pondering his career at Wartburg, as he prepares to step into retired life.

Internships key to employment for graduates

by Aaron Loan
Staff Writer

Downsizing and cost-cutting pressures have today's American corporations rethinking their recruitment procedures for the future, which may soon effect Wartburg College graduates, according to an article on a *New York Times* internet service.

Company executives said internships, either paid or unpaid, are one of the keys to staying competitive. One hope for Wartburg to make the narrowing list for corporate recruitment is through internship programs.

> ***"Internships have always been important here (at Wartburg). We do as well at that as any college in Iowa."***
> —Max McElwain
> public relations professor

Corporations like Ford are hoping these internships will give them "a low-cost way to preview candidates before they hire them," said Mark Oldman, author of two internship guides, in the *Times* article.

Many Wartburg majors require an internship before graduation.

"Internships have always been important here (at Wartburg). We do as well at that as any college in Iowa," said Max McElwain, professor of public relations in the communication arts department. Public Relations is a major with internships as a requirement.

"One of the ways we prove our credibility is by fitting students into the real world," McElwain said. This "fitting students in" is through internships.

Because of the pressures for workers to be specialized in several areas instead of one, companies like Ford will be developing a closer recruiting relationship to a much smaller number of colleges and universities.

Ford Motor company now has one of the best recruiting efforts in the corporate world, drawing talent from over 400 colleges and universities. By early next century, its number of recruiting places will be reduced to between 80 and 100.

Recruiting at fewer institutions promises new efficiencies for corporations. The narrower focus will be further sharpened by new curriculum standards the company is developing, Ford officials said.

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Editorial

Saying 'farewell'

Sports columnist Brian Van De Berg wrote this week about where he first saw departing football coach Steve Hagen – at a Castle Singers concert. It impressed him from the start this was somebody interested in more than just football.

Likewise, I share that the first thing I heard about Hagen was that he wanted to revive a tradition of having Campus Pastor Larry Trachte meet with the team on Friday evenings before football games to give a message. I also heard Hagen had contacted the Volunteer Action Center saying he had 100 guys available.

Trevor Shannon said to me Saturday, "We were starting to get to know him, so it's difficult to see him go."

Less than an hour later, I had similar thoughts as I heard my mom say on the other end of the telephone line that my grandma, who had been sick, wouldn't make it through the afternoon.

This season is when many people and families remember someone that was difficult to see go. It serves as a reminder that the opportunity we receive to get to know others is more precious than we often perceive. And the opportunity we have to share ourselves with others is also treasured.

"A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle."

—Kelly

Thanks for being a candle, Coach Hagen.

—Eric Allen, Editor

Column

Clinton's risen above nothing

Jeremy Brummond

Columnist

Can someone "rise above politics?" It's an interesting question.

Last Wednesday President Bill Clinton gave a speech to the Democratic Leadership Council. In this speech he was quoted by CNN as leaving politics behind and for the first time in his four years as president, actually laying down a solid plan of action for our country.

Clinton's agenda, one that "isn't liberal or conservative," has a core philosophy consisting of three parts: 1. The purpose of government is problem-solving. 2. Problem-solving requires a broad consensus. 3. Politics has become the enemy of problem-solving. It is this philosophy and its three distinctive sections which I will commentate on this week.

Addressing the first section of Clinton's philosophy, that which states that the purpose of government is problem-solving, I have only one comment...Nothing like stating the obvious Bill.

Clinton's second section, the one which says, "Problem-solving requires a broad consensus," isn't quite as simple, but it is 10 times as intangible. The American people have proven throughout history that the words "broad consensus" are unknown to their vocabularies.

The final portion of the president's philosophy strikes me as amusing.

"Politics has become the enemy of problem-solving."

In many citizens' opinions I can see this. When people hear the word politics they immediately think of gridlock. Bill Clinton has manuevered around that stereotype by creating a philosophy which condemns politics as an unnecessary evil.

What I find amusing about this portion of Clinton's philosophy is that he coated it with politics to create a positive image for his plan of action. His "political" trick was to rise above politics. Now I don't mean to insult our president, but what an oxyMORON.

William Cohen...what about Colin Powell?

Letter

Bad timing curses fair

I was disgusted with the food fair on Wednesday night.

I applaud Food Service's attempt to give me my $2,070 worth in yearly board by giving me new foods.

I did not appreciate it during my dinner hour, not in the cafeteria and definitely not the week before finals. I had tests to study for, presentations to prepare and night class at seven. Being in choir, I don't get to the cafeteria until 6 p.m.; I didn't have time to piddle around trying new foods.

The lines looked like they were from Disneyland. It took me nearly an hour to get three jalepeño poppers and a won ton. In the end I grabbed a bowl of raisin bran and was still late for night class. I would've hated to have had a 6:30.

What was the deal with all the fried foods? I had heard that the New Student Union would be offering us healthier alternatives. First, we have to have Buhr Lounge full of desserts and deep fried everything. When I got to the cafeteria I thought, finally, I can eat a meal. WRONG! It was the same thing as in Buhr Lounge, only with trays and silverware. Why was there no alternative to the endless samples? A meal, perhaps?

Why, exactly, did we have to pay for this "meal"? The samples were all free samples provided by the various food distributors.

I can understand that food service was offering us a variety of foods as a sort of treat and at another time I might have appreciated it. But by stealing my time, my dinner and my money (I paid my $4.18 for an evening meal), all I got was mad.

If there is another food fair held in the future I would appreciate it not being held during a mealtime or, at the very least, with some sort of alternative meal. I know that I am not the only student who would appreciate these courtesies.

Doug Carlson,
disgruntled senior

Letter

Mitchell: education or opinion

It is probably because of my experiences in Research Methods, Psy Tests and Measures and other related classes that I now place such high importance on objectivity (presenting quantitative facts in a non-biased and non-opinionated way). This is especially true when talking about something as controversial as homosexuality.

Recently, Dannel Mitchell has offered to "see that the education of homosexuality is addressed in a proper manner." "Proper," to me, used in this context, infers a non-biased and non-opinionated (objective) presentation of factual information which is documented so anyone who is interested can find the source of the information presented. This also means that any studies that did not yield conclusive evidence are described as being inconclusive. The alternative to this is making misleading assumptions to manipulate readers.

Last week, Dannel began his article with either an assumption or an undocumented statement, I do not know which, about gay men knowing early that they were "different" from others. A statement like this needs to be either claimed as a personal opinion or documented as a finding of objective research.

Some people may see this article as an attack on Dannel. This is simply not true. I think that Dannel's intended goal of educating the campus is a great idea, but I believe that articles about "homosexual literature, poets, history, (his) personal views, struggles and the outcomes of the struggles of gay liberation" are neither objective nor will serve as educational information, but as selective, persuasive essays which will attempt to promote support for, not educate about, homosexuality and "gay liberation."

I believe the reason there is such a controversy surrounding homosexuality is the presentation of opinionated and biased articles from both sides of the controversy. If Dannel is truly sincere about educating, not persuading, the Wartburg campus, we should see articles which present documented findings from every aspect of the controversy or opinions that are clearly described as his personal opinions.

I challenge Dannel to rise above the potentially dangerous assumptions and false or manipulative presentation of factual data that is typically present in persuasive essays. I say dangerous because they are all too often the downfall of many seemingly strong arguments.

I truly look forward to seeing where Dannel's "education" leads the Wartburg community.

Toby Gibbs, senior

(Editor's note: Much of Dannel's research was cut to conform to letter limit policy and space constraint.)

Column

Wardell surrenders tips to consumers

They are undoubtedly the most vile, sneaky, underhanded scoundrels known to earth. They travel in packs, they are diabolically ingenious and they thrive during Christmas. They are toy hoarders and they are the enemy.

First, let me distinguish between a toy collector and a toy hoarder. A collector operates under a strong code of nobility seeking nothing more than to finish his/her collection. A hoarder is a human leech, determined to literally suck shelves dry in order to resell at inflated prices.

I am a collector, and unfortunately, I must wage war with hoarders 365 days of the year. When Christmas rolls around, however, it's not just a battle between the two of us. A third group enters the scene: the average consumer. Sadly, after long days of searching for "That One Certain Toy" (TOCT), it is usually the average consumer who returns home empty-handed.

So I present my Christmas gifts to those who represent the average consumer. I shall share some of the secrets which have made me a collector extraordinaire.

Lesson #I: The early bird gets the worm and knowledge is power.

In order to successfully execute an accurate, well-timed hit at any store, you must ensure that you are the first person in the doors. A general rule of thumb is if the door opens at nine, start standing in line by at least seven. Remember, frostbite is a small price to pay for TOCT.

The exception to this rule is when the store stays open for 24 hours. Interrogate the employees and carefully monitor the arrival of all shipments. Find out when the truck is coming and be there. Then set up camp in front of the storeroom doors and wait like a vulture for them to wheel out TOCT.

Lesson #2: Don't count your chickens before they hatch, and there is safety in numbers.

First of all, DO NOT USE SHOPPING CARTS! Not only can they scratch the fine packaging of TOCT, a shopping cart lets people spy on TOCT. They may covet thy neighbor's toy and become regular shopping cart shoplifters.

Remember, just because you have TOCT in your grasp does not guarantee safety.

That's why you need at least one bodyguard skilled in the art of hand-to-hand combat. I recommend three bodyguards, but one will suffice if they have previous experience as a quarterback.

Then, if worse comes to worst, you can make a running pass without fear of interception or fumble. It is important to inform your personal quarterback that spiking TOCT is never accecptable.

There you have it, the beginning steps to outwitting a hoarder: someone who really deserves a whole lotta spankin's.

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Sharing Christmas joy

Photo by Jamie Spratt

A SYMPHONIC CHRISTMAS—Wartburg Community Symphony members filled Neumann Auditorium with the holiday spirit Saturday including a special piece for children.

Review

by Matt Hibbard and Jason Hiner
Guest Critics

The Wartburg Community Symphony dazzled the audience in Neumann Auditorium on Saturday with the December Subscription Concert, "Star Fire."

The title of the concert follows the symphony's theme for the 1996-97 concert season, "Playing with Fire."

During the concert, Janice Wade was honored by the symphony board of directors for 10 years of service as the symphony's music director and conductor.

Featured in the performance were several traditional holiday compositions, some with unique twists.

The opening number of the concert was "Sleigh Ride," which effectively got the audience into the spirit of Christmas.

Photo by Jamie Spratt

O COME, FOR AN EARFUL— Junior violist Pete Iversen plays from the heart.

Tchaikovsky's famous "Nutcracker Suite" was another selection. To complement the music, five of Wartburg's international students graced the stage in traditional clothing from their native countries.

The highlight of the concert, though, was the symphony's performance of William Mayer's "Good King Wenceslas," which included a narration by Liz Mathis, communication arts professor at Wartburg.

In addition to Mathis' excellent narration, the piece featured a quartet of carolers and Melissa Voss as trumpet soloist. This interpretation of the text by A. A. Milne alternated between the orchestral composition and the narrative read by Mathis, with some intermingling of the two.

The touching narration was the story of a woman who, after hearing the carolers singing Good King Wenceslas, was curious about who Wenceslas was. At first, the woman supposes that he may have been a relative of Santa Claus whose name was actually Wensa Claus, and had just been misspelled by accident.

The character then learns that Wenceslas was a king, and comes to the conclusion he must have been one of two famous English kings, the other having been Old King Cole.

Eventually, the truth is revealed, and it is learned Wenceslas had been one of the kindest, most Christ-like kings ever. His kindness and gentleness eventually lead to his demise, though, as he was killed by his own brother while on his way to church one day.

The Wartburg Community Symphony is often overshadowed by Wartburg's other musical ensembles, it seems, especially during this time of year. The symphony proved, though, that it should not be regarded as second to the school's other musical groups.

As with Christmas with Wartburg, the symphony's 44-year tradition should be counted among Wartburg's greatest, as exemplified by the latest program in its Playing with Fire series.

Songs of the season ring out

by Annette Everding
Staff Writer

Walking down the halls of the dorms, the resounding sounds of Christmas carols can be heard wherever you go. Students have been hearing the traditional sounds of the season since returning from Thanksgiving Break on the first of December.

While there are many varieties of music and artists on the market, some are more popular than others. Students' all-time favorites include Mannheim Steamroller, Amy Grant, Boyz II Men, Harry Connick, Jr. and Bing Crosby.

Other students have their own personal favorites and go away from the trends.

"I like the old stuff from the '60s like Brenda Lee," said sophomore Chrissy Morrissey.

Traditional Christmas carols such as "The First Noel" and "O Holy Night" are apparently more popular than the new songs that are coming out. Students enjoy the classics whether they are sung or done instrumentally.

The time for buying Christmas music is passing by, but there are still many CDs left in the stores.

Sales for the music industry have plummeted in the last year, according to an article in the Dec. 16 issue of *Time* magazine. Since people aren't buying artists' regular music, naturally people aren't buying their Christmas music.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

JAZZIN' UP THE SEASON—Graham Schardt, left, and Mike Bistline, freshmen members of Jazz Band II, sported some Christmas cheer for the group's holiday concert with Jazz Band I Friday night in Buhr Lounge.

Many students already have their Christmas music from years past and don't want or need anymore. There are even a few who don't buy any Christmas music at all.

Freshman Carey Kunzmann said she doesn't buy any music because she would only listen to it for one month out of the year.

But those who have holiday tunes tend to prefer the ones that have been around for a while. According to students, many of the most popular CDs are ones that are a few years old. Holiday classics are still the favorites.

What to Buy?

by Heather Hugley and Josh Keesy
Staff Writers

With the holidays right around the corner, students may be having trouble deciding what creative gifts to give this year.

Well, we have gone out, fought the crowds and surfed the net to give you the low down on what's hot this year in the gift department. In case you've fried your brain trying to jam in every little ounce of information for your finals, we've broken up your shopping list for easy comprehension.

Friends

You could always get them the usual CD's, clothes, posters and, of course, food. Or for your 21 and older friends you could give them a membership in the beer of the month club. They would love you for the next 12 months as they receive new microbrew beers each month. You could also treat them to a movie rental with delicious popcorn from the Den. Did we mention food?

Parents

Having trouble trying to figure out what to give your parents, the people who have given you everything, including food?

A Caribbean cruise is a good place to start. Yeah, like any college student has that type of budget. Time to return to reality, folks.

Dads love power tools and anything to do with sports. Moms love perfume things and things to remind them of their precious children (like picture frames with your pictures in them).

Books are good, and there are some popular books out by Stephen King, Dave Barry and Tim Allen. If your parents like doing yard work, buy them a gardening book or new gardening tools.

Computer supplies and accessories are becoming very popular these days. Computer programs that help with taxes, games or time on the Internet are also good ideas.

If your parents enjoy beer, you might want to check into buying them a home brewing kit. Really, check it out on the Internet.

Another gift for your parents, if you cannot decide what to get them, are gift certificates for their favorite activities or their favorite stores. Parents also love food.

Siblings

The siblings category overlaps the friends category. Almost all items you can buy friends you can buy your siblings, unless they are a lot younger than you.

This year one of the hottest toys is the Nintendo 64 with the new Star Wars game. Anything Star Wars is also very popular. Remakes of the old toys are out on the market again along with the Micro Machine versions of the different characters and ships.

Two very hot but hard to find items this year are the Holiday Barbie and the "Tickle Me" Elmo doll. Consider yourself very lucky if you find one of these.

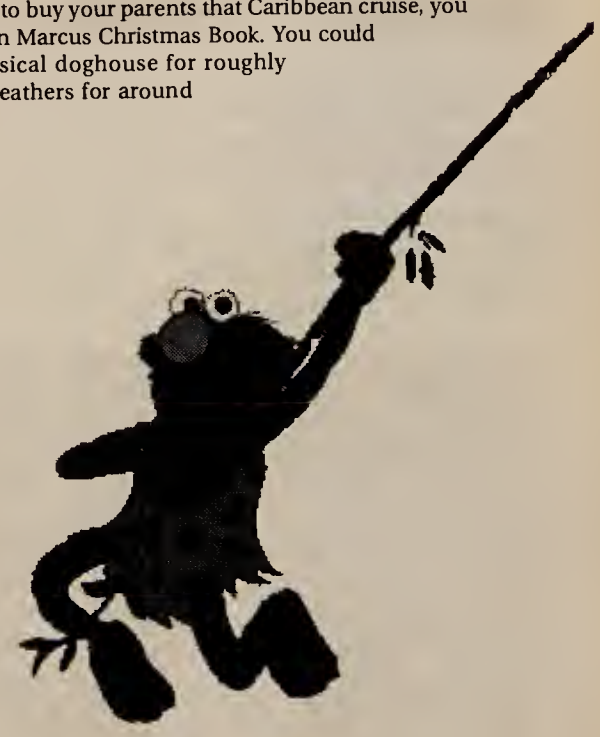
You can always get your siblings CD's, clothes and room decorations. Use your own discretion, though, on this one.

Of course anything you get for your younger brothers or sisters will surely be loved since they admire you so much, even if it is food.

Pets

You cannot forget a man or woman's best friend. Your dog or cat would love you if you buy them their own sofa or maybe get their photo taken with Santa. Pets also love any kind of treats you are willing to buy for them.

For those of you that can afford to buy your parents that Caribbean cruise, you may want to check out the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. You could buy your pet a gold-leaf neoclassical doghouse for roughly $9,000 or a silk bed with ostrich feathers for around $7,000.



Strickert gets ticked at Elmo

Guest Column

by Fred Strickert
Assoc. Professor of Religion

In the days of Herod when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the East came asking, "Where can we find toy stores that carry *Tickle-me-Elmo* or a new *Nintendo 64*? For we have followed the star to worship the new-born king. If we don't have the appropriate gifts, he'll be ticked. Please, you gotta help us."

Herod's scribes and advisers searched their old notes from Lit of Old and New. "It's somewhere in the prophet Micah:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the retailers of Judah.

For from you shall come the latest fads and gimmicks which will rule the pocketbooks of this people."

Interpreted that means: Try the Magi-Mini-Mall just down the road toward Bethlehem. They're always well-stocked."

Photo by Nathan Friesen
DR. FRED STRICKERT

The wise men headed off to Bethlehem to find the newborn king of the Jews after they lucked out buying the last *Tickle me Elmo* in stock. They even got a 10% discount after dropping Herod's name, but supply and demand made bargaining difficult.

On entering the house of Joseph and Mary, they saw the child and knelt down and paid him homage (like they do sometimes in the movies) and opening their treasures they laid before the baby Jesus a cuddly red *Tickle Me Elmo*.

And Jesus was the coolest baby in all Judea, or so they thought.

Later, when the wise men were warned in a dream to return home by another route, it was Herod who was ticked. "They were supposed to report back to me where I could find that blasted toy."

So Herod sent soldiers and killed all the children in Bethlehem because it wasn't fair that the last *Tickle Me Elmo* was gone from the stores and he was too late to do his Christmas shopping— He didn't even know it was Christmas (5 B.C.)!

> ***"... and opening their treasures they laid before the baby Jesus a cuddly red Tickle me Elmo."***

Jesus looked up at Joseph and Mary and spoke in a miraculously clear voice in the best English, "Mom, Dad, is this Christmas thing such a good idea?"

Is it me, or has the gift-buying, go-into-debt to buy everything you don't need attitude gone beyond the limits this year?

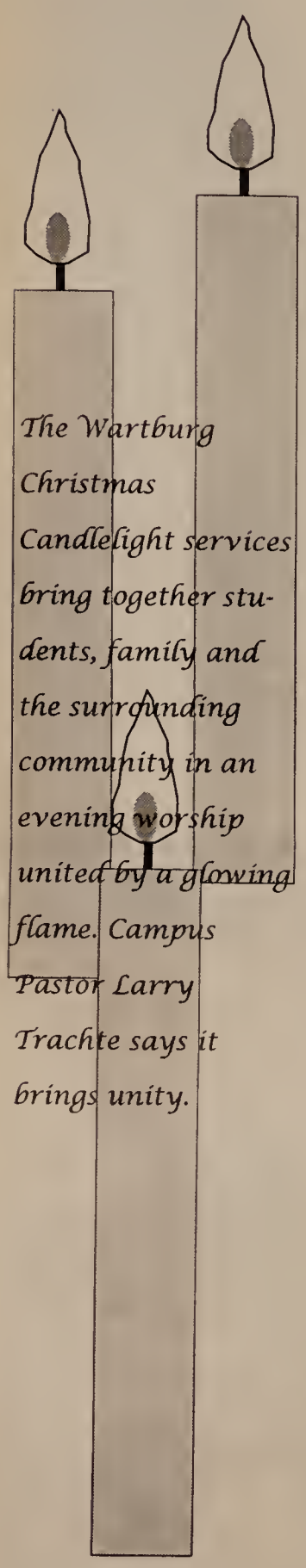
Perhaps it was my Thanksiving Day experience when John Lennon's melodious voice came over the TV with strains of "Imagine": "Imagine there's no hunger ..." And the gripping photos of hungry faces stared back at me. For a split second I imagined a Christmas with no waste, no meaningless display of materialist excess, and hungry people going to bed satisfied even for one day.

I imagined that possiblility and then came the voice-over: "This Christmas end hunger by charging your gifts on American Express." So the hungry will be fed when we spend more for what we don't need.

Were the wise men really so wise? The gold, frankincense and myrrh. Wasn't that going overboard? Yes, they gave us a spirit of giving and an end to self-centeredness. But look at the angels and their gift of a simple, beautiful poem. Or the shepherds who gave only themselves, smelly and grimy at that?

"Gee, guys," again spoken by the baby in perfect English, "You came all this way just to see me? You gave me your time, your own selves? What more could I want? And by the way, from now on it's all on Master's Card."

The Power of Candlelight



The Wartburg Christmas Candlelight services bring together students, family and the surrounding community in an evening worship united by a glowing flame. Campus Pastor Larry Trachte says it brings unity.

"It is symbolic of the power of Christians joined together."

—Campus Pastor Larry Trachte

by Suzanne Behnke
Staff Writer

Observe the generations. Young and old gathered. Look down at a pew rail filled with hands, some hands weathered and wrinkled; some young and pink; some masculine; some feminine; some with jewelry and others bare.

Listen to the voices. Lively with chatter before the service, the opening measures of a hymn quieted them to a melodic murmur. Hear Pastor Ramona Bouzard pierce the low din with a light, full a cappella announcement from the back of the crowd:

The light was coming! The Wartburg Christmas Candlelight service began.

For me and hundreds of others, the Christmas story came alive. A mixture of song, scripture and unity settled the congregation into the real meaning of the holiday — Jesus' birth.

For one hour and odd minutes, I was transported to a beautiful event, just as Campus Pastor Larry Trachte said he intends.

"It's a great closure to the semester," he said. "It's a time when they (students) get things into perspective."

For Trachte, the experience is a little different than the congregational point-of-view.

He said the candlelight service is one of his favorite religious worships.

From his chancel position, Trachte can watch the light spread.

"It's a wonderful experience ... that our faces are alight with the light of God," he said. "If you're like me, when you look at the world you can get discouraged. Fear can be an immobilizing thing. I think candlelight says that all of us together can lighten the world."

Trachte established the service as an annual event when he came back to campus in 1974.

He said a group of pre-theological students, called Chi Rho, held some candle services in the 1950s and '60s.

When Trachte came back to campus, Christmas with Wartburg was less traditional, more "avant garde," Trachte explained.

And people wanted an orthodox ceremony. "It was a response to people saying, 'I want something a little more traditional,'" Trachte said.

The location began in Neumann Auditorium until the Chapel opened. Trachte said he favors the Chapel. "It's a lot more intimate."

But Neumann had its own charm. "It was a powerful thing. One thousand candles at one time, watching the light spread," Trachte remembered. He said he could look all the way into the second level and see each face clearly by the light of a flame.

"Everyone should stand up front. Everyone's face is illumined," he said.

As a senior, I remember my first candlelight service. It brought tears to my eyes for many of the reasons Trachte described.

Last night's service was evidence of the togetherness this event inspires. Note the many music groups like Serenade, Shine, the Meistersinger Choir, and a whole suite of girls from Grossmann Hall. Note the number of alumni present. Note the number of parents who joined their children for Christmas worship.

Trachte said the event has grown over the years.

It is not difficult to see how his vision,which began more than 20 years ago, still lives on.

The homily message centered on how fear should not rule our lives. Only minutes earlier, Trachte was in his office, sitting across from me, and telling how the power of candlelight gave hope.

As I listened, I felt him speaking right to me even as his message reached the hundreds.

But then I realized his message has reached thousands through the years.

One flame became many. Strangers, faculty, students, staff and community members shared the light, passing it down the line. From wick to wick, a new light glowed, bathing its holder with a burning symbol of Christ's coming.

The Chapel lay in darkness, with only hundreds of faces illuminated in the soft, white blaze.

Meanwhile, these faces were not silent, but joined in a peaceful hymn, "Silent Night." In English, French, Spanish and German, the meaning Trachte intended shone through, joining all in a light few wanted to extinguish.

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A LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS—These Wartburg students partake in the magic of the Wartburg Christmas Candlelight service as they sing "Silent Night" with the congregation, aglow from the flames.

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Hagen's Wartburg

Wartburg must now say goodbye to a man that has only been a part of our lives for one year. How tough can that be?

Well, for me Hagen's departure is more difficult than Bob Nielson's departure last year. Why?

Look at Steve Hagen, prominantly known as Wartburg's head football coach. However, who is this guy, really?

The first time I saw Coach Hagen was not at a football game, nor was it in the PE Complex.

I bet no one could guess that the first time I saw him was at a Castle Singers concert.

Thats right, a concert. As in music, not football.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that our head coach doesn't care as much about football as other coaches; I'm just stating that he knows that there is more to life than football.

I'll never forget the night that Hagen stood outside the choir room and listened to the music coming from inside.

Before one of the games this season, Hagen invited the Wartburg musical group "Serenade" to the team's pregame.

The group performed a few numbers for the team and one of the members even gave a devotion "pep talk" for the players.

I think Hagen has touched many lives here at Wartburg. He has touched mine and I'm not involved with the football program.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that Hagen supported many activities and really showed his support for Wartburg, not just Wartburg football. In a way, this helped Wartburg football.

I never missed a football game this season and I know one of the reasons why was Head Coach Steve Hagen.

Steve Hagen, Good Luck next season with the Spartans.

Brian Van De Berg
Sports Editor

Photo by Eric Allen

DEJA VU—Just as they did last year, Wartburg's Administration will once again begin the search for a new Head Football Coach next season. Steve Hagen, former head coach, announced his resignation last Friday. He is headed to San Jose State University in California.

Hagen resigns

by Gage Butterbrodt
Sports Editor

After just four months on campus, Wartburg Head Football Coach Steve Hagen is packing his bags and moving on.

In a brief announcement Friday afternoon, Hagen told players and coaches he was resigning from the position.

He said he had accepted an offer for the offensive coordinator at San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif., according to Athletic Director Gary Grace.

"This is a great opportunity for our family to make," Hagen said. "I've always looked at the needs and wants of my family first."

The Knights finished this past season under Hagen with a 5-3 conference record and 7-3 overall.

Hagen said the football team should be fine with or without him.

"This program is all about the kids, not the head coaching position," Hagen said. "Wartburg has been a great place. It will be difficult to say goodbye."

Hagen wasn't the only one who found it hard to leave. The players also expressed their feelings about the sudden decision.

"We were surprised, shocked and disappointed," quarterback Aaron Stensland said. "I look at it as a chance to grow and to become more together as a team. We're going to be all right next year no matter who we get."

Grace mentioned that Wartburg will have no trouble filling in the position and that recruting will be back to normal for next year.

"There will be a lot of people foaming at the mouth for this job." said Grace.

As for now the position remains available until Wartburg puts together a search for Hagen's successor.

"He got an opportunity and I certainly understand," said Dean of Faculty Mary Margaret Smith.

Hagen will be working under new Head Coach Dave Baldwin in San Jose. Baldwin was recently hired from his head coaching position at the University of California-Northridge.

Women cagers defeat Grinnell

Knights raise their record to .500, taking care of Grinnell on the road Saturday.

by Larry Johnson
Staff Writer

After having to wait a week to take the court again, the womens' basketball team really took out their frustrations of previous losses on a weak Grinnell team, winning 83-43.

"We excecuted our offense well and were able to get a lot of steals off of our press leading to easy points," said sophomore Jen Nettleton. Nettleton contributed 12 points and four rebounds.

For the first time this year the Knights were able to put forth a total team effort in thieir victory.

Kayah-Bah Phillman and senior Holly Wulkow shared top scoring honors with 13 points each. Wulkow was able to add four rebounds, while Phillman collecting a team-high nine boards.

Head Coach Monica Severson was very happy to get the win, but still had some concerns about how the team is coming along.

"A win is a win and any time you are able to come up with one is a great feeling," Severson said.

Severson was quick to point out that Grinell was not a particularly strong oppent and was slightly overmatched personnel-wise.

"They were a weak team. During the game it was hard to tell if we were getting better or if our good play was due to the quality of our opponent," Severson said.

The team will have a nice break before they play their next game.

Shortly after the new year, thay will take a road trip to Indiana to face Depaw University. On the way back

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Head Coach Monica Severson

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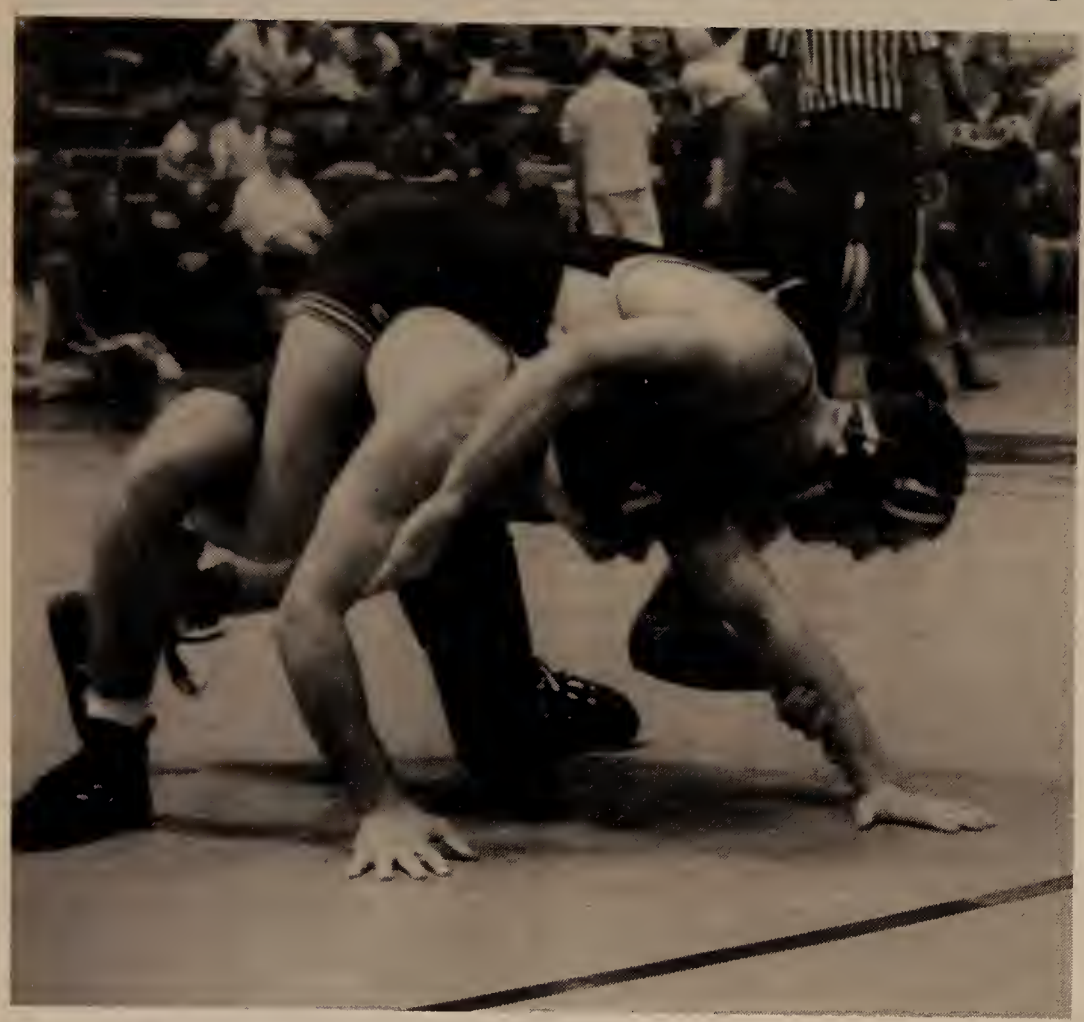

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GAINING THE UPPER HAND—Senior Greg Halsor attempts to break his opponent's brace during one of his matches Saturday in Knights Gymnasium. An injury sustained by Halsor in his second match ended his day prematurely; however the Knights acquired enough points to top all schools in the annual Dick Walker Invite.

The defending national champions had no trouble handling the competition at this year's home invitational. Wartburg racked up 172 points in a victory over 10 competing schools.

by Chad Gade
Staff Writer

Wartburg again proved how dominant they are this weekend at the Dick Walker Invitational.

Eleven teams competed at the tournament in Knights Gymnasium. They included Iowa Central, Loras, Simpson, Cornell, St. Thomas, Martin Luther, Westimar, Wisconsin-River Falls, Upper Iowa and Augustana.

The final score showed Wartburg's dominace, scoring 172 points compared to the second place team's 96.5 points.

The Knights had 17 place winners.

At 118, Wartburg had two wrestlers in the finals. Ryan Cunningham came away with the victory over teammate Zach Weiglein.

Tom Smith placed third at 126, while teammate Casey Doyle finished fifth.

"The team effort was excellant," said Doyle.

At 134, Wartburg teammates again battled in the finals for third place. Nick Mitchell defeated David Marrah to put them at third and fourth place, respectively.

Curtis Johnson placed first at 142 and Troy Pecenka placed third at the same weight.

Kevin Miller placed second at 150 and Carson Andorf placed fifth at 158. Chris Smith and Jared Keith chose not to wrestle in their final match vs. each other, giving them both 5fifth.

At 177, Wartburg's Chris Ortner and Ben Jobgen wrestled for the title with Ortner coming away with the win. Teammate Brandon Cummings place fourth at the same weight.

At 190, Blake Williams got 2nd place and at heavyweight, Matt Powelka placed first. Teammates Jeff Clark and Kurt Lowenberg both placed fifth.

In the 158 weight category, Greg Halsor won his first match but was injured in his second, and was unable to continue.

The Knights are in action at the Floida Duals Dec. 28-29.

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home they will stop to face Blackburn College(Ill).

When the Knights return to Waverly, they won't have much practice time left before conference play begins.

Their first Iowa Conference game will be against Buena Vista on Jan. 10 in Knights Gymnasium.

"Its been a few years since we have been able to beat Buena Vista, and they are probably going to be favored to place first in the IIAC. Winning here at home would really be a great way to get conference play underway," said Severson.

Coaches like to describe the basketball calender year as consisting of three seasons: the pre-conference games, the conference games and then the post-season.

With two games left in pre-conference play the Knighs have two more chances to pick up what Severson called the pre-season "must wins" for a chance at post-season play.

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Men's basketball slams Clarke

by Greg Berry
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's basketball team notched Head Coach Marty Simmons' first career victory Thursday, defeating Clarke College, 82-45. The win ended a three-game losing streak.

"I felt like a little kid," Simmons said about the victory. "I couldn't wait to call my mom and dad."

After two missed shots by the Knights, they proceeded to rattle off 18 straight points, nailing their next eight shot attempts. Forward Rich Kloster threw in 10 of the 18 points.

Wartburg continued their dominance as Kloster took control again and rattled off 13 points during a 17-6 run halfway through the first half. The Knights hit six consecutive shots.

"Kloster is coming on strong," Simmons said. He also added that "everyone is getting a little better."

The Knights led 42-17 heading into halftime.

At the beginning of the second half, center Bryan Myers ignited the Knight offense and the 200 fans in attendance, slamming his second monstrous dunk of the night home.

Myers led the defense, blocking a shot and grabbing a game-high seven rebounds.

"Myers set the tone defensively and offensively," said Simmons.

Photo by Jamie Spratt

THROWIN' DOWN— Freshman Matt Wheeler makes a statement during Thursday's contest against Clarke in Knights Gymnasium. Wartburg gave Clarke a whipping, defeating them 82-45.

Wheeler capped the game for the Knights with a steal and a reverse slam as time ran out, giving Wartburg a 82-45 victory.

Myers scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half, and Kloster notched a game-high 25 points.

Forward Travis Montgomery added 15, hitting three of seven three-pointers.

Even though Simmons was credited with his first win, he gave the players credit. "I am more happy for the players. They had great passing and confident shooting," he said. "I'm proud of them."